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Free enterprise at work

Doug Korcek hands Karen MacLachlan her cookie while Malinda Dowling looks on at a bake sale in Arts and Sciences Hall Tuesday. Korcek and Dowling, both members of the American Society of Interior Designers, were trying to raise money for their group.

Fund B budget includes \$100,000 more for sports

By TIM McMAHAN Staff Reporter

A proposal for a \$100,000 increase in student fee money for UNO's athletic program was presented at The Student Activities Budget Committee's Fund B hearing March 12.

The increase is part of a plan by the athletic department to compensate for a \$300,000 cut in state funds. \$60,000 of the fee-generated increase would go to men's athletics and \$40,000 to women's sports programs.

Fund B money is generated through the mandatory University Programs and Facilities Fee (UPFF) paid each semester by all UNO students and used to help fund athletics, Health Services, the UNO Marching Band, Young Nebraskans, Campus Recreation and the Student

The UPFF for full-time students currently is \$54.25 per year, and part-time students pay \$33 per year. Fund B is administered by Richard Hoover, vice-chancellor for Educational and Student Services.

Athletic Director Bobby Thompson said an additional \$100,000 for athletics would also come from outside fund raising efforts.

Of a projected net loss of \$100,000 for the athletic programs, \$50,000 will be cut from operating budgets, Thompson said.

"We've got quality programs and have been very fortunate to stay in the top half of the North Central Conference," Thompson said, "That's why its very important for people to intinue to support us. We'll be raising more dollars outside (the university) next year than any other Division II program in the United

The latest cut in state funding for UNO athletics comes after a \$180,000 cut 18 months ago. Thompson said he hoped this cut would be the last.

"We've gone through this for three years in... a row. Everything has just been negative, cut it down to nothing," Thompson said, "and what that's going to do, if we don't hit bottom, is jump up and bite us in the rear end.

"You can't just keep cutting it back, then say, We have a team, but we're not competitive anymore, or we can't travel, or we can't replace equipment.' We haven't done anything like that yet," he said.

UNO's Health Services also requested an in-

crease in their fund B allocation. According to Assistant Vice-Chancellor of Student Development Services Joe Davis, \$1,430 of the requested additional \$3,730 would go toward anticipated salary increases, while the remaining \$2,300 would be used for increased oper-

The Health Center was considering hiring a physician that would work three hours a day, five days a week during spring and fall semesters, Davis said.

Associate Professor of Music Jim Saker, representing the UNO Marching Band and the Young Nebraskans, requested a \$2,000 allocation increase for the Young Nebraskans. The group, which was organized three years ago as a promotional group for the university, is supported by student fees, the Chancellor's office, the College of Fine Arts and the Alumni As-

See SABC (continued on page 6)

Senate makes history; no amendments to budgets

By BILL CARMICHAEL Staff Reporter

The UNO Student Senate approved the budget recommendations of the Student Activities Budget Committee (SABC) in a 13-4vote Thursday without amendment for the first time in the senate's history.

Senate Executive Treasurer Greg Gunderson, also chairman of SABC, called the senate's action "a tribute to the work the committee

"SABC is set up so that people who have problems with the way we allocate money can come to us at any time (before the budget is approved) and speak with us about it," Gunderson said. "If you change this budget now, without having come to us beforehand with your problems, then you are defeating the entire purpose of SABC.

"I sincerely believe that this is the best budget possible," Gunderson said. "It's not the budget I would have done, but it is the sum of fourteen persons' best efforts, and that's better," he said.

Changes in the committee's methods of distributing funds were "long overdue," Gunder-

"By basing our allocations to the Gateway and SPO (Student Programming Organization) on a per capita system, we are locking those agencies into their budgets for the next two years, and that allows us a healthy contingency fund," he said.

The per capita system for the Gateway and SPO will reflect allocations from Fund A and related refunds from student fees as requested by individual students.

In other action, the senate voted to pay the administration \$2,337 for each of the next three years to cover extra expenses incurred in the development of the UNO Child Care Center. One lump-sum payment of \$7,000 from fiscal year 1987-88 was the other option available.

"To be honest, nobody in the university administration is going to be upset if this money isn't all paid this year," said Joel Zarr, senate advisor and manager of student activities. "When we found out the Child Care Center would require additional funding, nobody told the senate to pay it. They volunteered to come up with \$7,000 this year, and it won't look good if the senate doesn't live up to that," he said.

"It makes a lot more business sense to spread our payments over the next three years," said Joe Kerrigan, Student Government's chief administrative officer.

"If we don't have to pay all the money now, there's no reason we should," said Sen. Guy Rudloff. "We're already low on money in the contingency fund, and paying all the money now will only make the problem worse," he said.

In other business, Sen. Paul Hays reported that UNL has withdrawn financial support provided by its student fees from the Nebraska State Student Association (NSSA).

"When Lincoln pulled out, they really yanked the carpet out from under us (the NSSA). There's no way this organization will be able to survive," Hays said. "That's the bottom

Also, the senate's oversight committee, chaired by Sen. Cheryl Carter, has not yet formed a formal opinion on the alleged behavior of Sen. Joe Hearty at the senate's January meeting. Hearty allegedly made uncomplimen-tary remarks and gestures to Asa Carter, then also a student senator.

"We're going to need one more meeting, pos-sibly two," Carter said.

Ready for fall?

Early registration in 2 weeks

Early registration for the fall semester starts one week after students return from spring break.

Registration will be held April 6-17, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day except April 7, 9, 13 and 15, when the hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m

Fall schedules should be available April 1 There will be a \$25 non-refundable fee for early registration.

Confirmation statements for fall will be mailed around July 13 and confirmation payments will be due Aug. 5, said Randy Sell, manager of Student Accounts.

The exact amount of the payment is still undetermined, Sell said, but will be equiv-

alent to the cost of six undergraduate credit hours and the appropriate University Program and Facilities Fee. Tuition for the fall must be paid in full by Oct. 9.

Regular fall registration will be held Aug.

Summer registration

Summer registration begins when classes resume after break. Registration will be held March 30 through April 30.

The summer class schedule will be in the March 29 Sunday World-Herald: Registration can be completed by mail or in person at the Registrar's Office.

Summer classes must be paid for upon registration: there is no deterred payment plan for summer, Sell said.

Salvadorans: 'Media reluctant to report on fighting'

By TONI HILL Staff Reporter

Media reports on the internal conflict in El Salvador are. at best, misleading, said members of the Caravan for Peace and Justice in Central America.

While addressing UNO communication students March 11, several caravan members — two Salvadorans and one American urged students to get involved.

Local media in El Salvador cover the group's issues more thoroughly than national organizations, Mike Harburg, local coordinator and translator for the caravan, said. "The national media has been monolithic and pro-governmentally biased," Har-

At first, the press thought communist forces were encouraging the civil war, but they soon saw it was the people, said Isabel, one of the Salvadoran members, who use only their first

are reluctant to report on the fighting that has disrupted the country since 1980.

Editors, not reporters, are to blame for the misinformation, he said. Many editors fear they will loose their jobs, but "some-times you have to be willing to loose your job," he said.

In the last seven years of war, 60,000 Salvadorans, many non-combatants, have lost their lives, Harburg reported: "The majority of civilians were killed by the police," he said.

Foreign reporters choose to ignore civilian casualities and report falsified stories of urban terrorism by guerillas, Harburg said: "There is no freedom of the press in El Salvador," he said.

Government officials bombed the only two opposition papers. Isabel said, A student newsletter from the University of El Salvador offers the only truthful reporting, she said.

The National University of El Salvador in San Salvador was damaged by an earthquake in 1986, and reconstruction costs, Isabel reported, are estimated at \$130 million.

In 1984 the university was captured by Salvadoran troops. With the truth known, Harburg said, news correspondents During the occupation, 140 people were killed and another 100

"disappeared," Isabel said. The university remained closed for four years and the campus was used as an army base, she said.

Government troops were also employed to end a strike by hospital workers in 1985, said Jose, the other Salvadoran member of the caravan. Workers, including Jose, were protesting poor wages and working conditions.

Armed troops were sent to force workers out of the first floor of a hospital they were occupying, Jose said.

"They knew we were unarmed. We didn't even have a knife. We only had our courage," Jose said.

"As you can see, our government has declared war on all sectors (students, workers, farmers). The only thing we have received from our government is repression spiced with bullets,"

"The purpose of the carayan is to inform the people to put pressure on the government," said Harburg.

One of seven national carayans, the Midwest contingent addresses mostly civic and social groups. "We have found this is the best way to communicate," Harburg said.

Comment

'Blatant example of political shenanigan'

Columnist cries 'fix' over appointment of Kar

We've been victimized, swindled, jilted, duped, deceived, misled, tricked, flim-flamed, hoodwinked. Quite simply, we've been taken advantage of by none other than Our Lady of Lincoln, Governor Kay Orr.

Orr's selection of David Karnes to replace the late Edward Zorinsky in the U.S. Senate is

one of the most blatant examples of political Dennison and his political machine.

Last week, I made some observations and suggestions regarding possible replacements for Zorinsky's seat and, of course, Karnes's name was absent. Something tells me that his selection surprised others besides myself.

I'm not exactly crazy about dwelling on the same subject for a second week in a row, but I am unable to control my animosity toward this act of Republican party nepotism on the part of Kay Orr. This is not a matter of sour grapes on my part, given that Orr failed to choose Zorinsky's wife, Cece, as I had proposed.

Undoubtedly, I would have been bothered had anyone but Cece been chosen. For instance, I would have been disappointed had Orr picked Congressman Hal Daub for the job. However, I could have lived with Daub as a senator given his political experience and skill. In any event,

William Head



shenanigans since the days of Omaha's Tom- I am convinced that I would not now be writing on this topic had Orr picked Daub. Mildly perturbed, perhaps, but definitely not up in arms.

There is nothing particularly evil or wrong with Karnes as a person. Indeed, as Nebraska's Democratic Chairman Tom Managhan pointed out, it's not so much that Orr picked an unknown, it's more that she appears to be rewarding a campaign supporter. Quite frankly, one can only hope that Orr's flagrant party favoritism will not be indicative of her term as governor.

How can this been seen as anything other than Karnes reaping the benefits of his efforts (and money!)? Clearly, Karnes's youth, relative anonymity, and lack of political experience did not deter Orr in her desire to place a Republican patsy in the U.S. Senate.

Not that Karnes necessarily is a patsy, but how else can we look at him? Nebraskans simply do not know who he is or where he'll lead

us. So, it would seem reasonable to assume that he'll tow the party line, wouldn't it?

So much for Nebraska keeping its seat on the Senate Agriculture Committee and whatever policies and goals Zorinsky would have pursued in the name of our state.

If Orr coveted the job for her party so much, she should have stepped down as governor and had Lt. Governor Bill Nichol appoint her to the position. Instead, she held on to her office and sent an indentured party man to Washington.

Perhaps this is Orr's way of repaying President Reagan for coming out to Omaha last year to help plug her campaign for governor. I sure hope that this makes things even, because we need to get down to what's best for Nebraska as a whole and not "what can we do next for the Republican party."

Interestingly, Orr has promised us that Karnes will get the Republican nomination in 1988 and be re-elected to the seat he now holds. Good luck, David, because there is no way you'll get past Daub for the nomination should Daub indeed run as he has alluded to in the past.

By the way, if Orr was just adament about replacing Zorinsky with a Republican, then she should have chosen Daub. He would have been the best man for the job. Since she didn't, it seems likely that she had other reasons for

Even Karnes has indicated that he will not only seek re-election but would beat potential Democratic contender, Bob Kerrey. Karnes has said that he has a better feel for what Nebraska needs than Kerrey does.

I can only assume that this is based on Karnes' vast record as a public servant or, more appropriately, lack thereof. So what that he can swim and plays racketball? I want to know if he knows that the left hand goes on the bible and not the right hand. Well, maybe he'll prove to be a quick learner. If not, it could prove to a quick term.

About the only comfort any of us as students can take from all this is that Jim Carter III, former Senate Speaker and now Director of the Council for Community and Legislative Relations, is friends with Karnes. So, should Karnes get out of hand or simply fail us, we can fail to re-elect him or take it out on Carter.

Governor Orr should be on notice that we will not tolerate further political antics of this kind. As for me, I've now given my additional two cents worth and will attempt to give Karnes the benefit of the doubt. Do I have a

But, I will leave you with the words of our beloved leader, former California governor and movie actor: "I'm royally P.O.'d."

Buckle up your children when in car; it's the law'

In our ever mobile world of sleeker and faster cars, maybe it's time to put on the brakes and take a look at our wee passengers.

It's been four years since the Nebraska child passenger restraint law was passed in 1983. It requires all children under age four to use some type of restraint when riding in a car. Captain Van Gent of the Nebraska State Patrol said the law more specifically states that infants up to 1-year must be in a federally approved car seat.

Four years, yet look around when you are driving at all the small children in other cars. It's shocking.

Don't confuse this law with the short-lived seat belt law for adults. Adults are a separate group, and they have the choice of looking at the statistics and choosing to wear a seat belt or not. And as far as child passengers are concerned, only those under age four are affected by this law.

Yet children aren't able to comprehend statistics and make decisions for their own safety.

More importantly, children under age four are difficult to control in a confined area such as a car. When children are unruly in a car, the driver's concentration often is taken away from driving, possibly leading to an accident.

So why do parents continue to hold children on their laps or

Welch

Sharon



place them on the seat beside them?

Twenty years ago the idea of holding your child on your lap while driving would not have been questioned as much. Today, however, parents have much more information available to them.

Start with the hospitals. Today, most children are born in a hospital, so this was the likely spot to begin enforcement of the

A check with area hospitals reveals that most are requiring parents to have the car seat visibly available when they take their child home. The nurse no longer hands a baby to its mother's waiting arms when they go home; instead, the child is strapped safely into a car seat. It may be difficult to put this new bundle of love into a cold, hard car seat, but the safety factors should outweigh any of these feelings.

The Hospitals are doing their part to ensure that the child

has the best possible start in life, but it's up to the parent to continue this.

If parents have difficulties in purchasing a car seat, many local agencies, including hospitals, will help find low cost or no-cost car seats. The agencies in town that offer this service don't publicize the information, because they want to ensure that those with the greatest need are helped first.

So emotions and cost should not prevent a child from being properly restrained while riding in a car. Neither should laziness. Opening an extra door and slipping a few extra straps onto

your child to help save his life could be well worth the trouble. It's a shame when children have to die before such laws are enacted, but this, unfortunately, was the cause of the child restraint law.

Many children have been thrown from cars and killed in car accidents. It was these accidents that led parents to convince legislators that a child restraint law was needed.

Child care centers that transport children are also becoming more safety conscious by requiring that their vehicles have properly functioning seat belts for all children.

The child restraint law is not a law that is easily enforced by police, but it is a law that is easily enforced by parents

Maybe "buckle up" is a free choice for adults, but "buckleup baby" is not.

Who would you have appointed to replace the late Sen. Edward Zorinsky in Washington, D.C., and

Viewfinder

Opinions solicited by Tim McMahan



Jerry Smith, freshman business

"His wife. She knew quite a lot. "Cece, because she knew what was his views and she probably has the "Washington, D.C." same views as he did."



Tacie Alberico, senior broadcasting

about it. He was elected because of ... going on. She had her own office in ... "I would like to have seen Jack Ca-



Donald Cushenbery, professor teacher education

vanaugh, former congressman for the district, appointed. I think he's a very competent public servant and would have done a good job for us."



Brian Mack, junior television production

"It should have been a democrat because it would have given more power to the state, but actually I think George Washington was right when he said the party system would ruin the United States. However, Karnes is OK, because he's



Gloria Barton, junior marketing research

"His wife, because she's a democrat and we need that. Also because behind every good man is a good woman."

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'Inside more important'

I have some problems with Toni Hill's editorial "Unity Only Defense" in the March 11 Gateway.

First, though, let me give my personal demographics: I am a white male, 29, divorced, the father of a seven-year-old son, and a senior majoring in communications.

I could get into more detail, but I want each of you to arrive at-your own stereotypical mental image.

I forgot one that might change that picture. I am from the South — Dallas, Texas, to be exact.

The point I am making is that without getting to know me, one might conclude that I could be your typical southern, male chauvinist bigot. It wouldn't be the first time I've worn that

Hill mentions in her editorial, which I recognize as her opinion, the situation where a black man, Michael Griffith, and some friends were driving in a predominantly white section of Howard Beach, New York, when their car broke down. Griffith was chased by white teenagers "onto a busy freeway and fatally hit by a car." This is a horrible event regardless of race, but race was a factor in this circumstance.

She then writes: "The black men did not choose to have their car break down in a white neighborhood, but nevertheless, it did. Regardless of their purpose, the men did have a right to be in the neighborhood. Blacks share the same rights as anyone else to travel in a 'free' society. Or do they?"

If I am driving in Harlem when my car has a flat, could I expect to be greeted with a smile by the Harlem Auto Club?

Face it, racism and bigotry are problems white, blacks, browns, reds and yellows are all guilty of and responsible for.

They are also problems because we are all punished for the actions of an ignorant few.

I understand what Hill is talking about, including the actions of "hate groups" like the Klan and even impromptu outbursts like the Michael Griffith situation. I'll never, ever know what it is like to face the frustration of feeling that everything I do is like starting with one hand tied behind my back, just because I am black. But do you have any idea of the frustration most whites feel when a racist group does some horrible thing that we're all going to have to answer for?

After Hitler's stunt, I'm glad I'm not German.

I don't like to admit my capability to hate, but nothing angers me more, short of an attack on my family, when I see open demonstrations by the Klan, neo-Nazis and other blatantly racist groups. And thanks to our Constitution, there's not one thing I can do about it. I don't like being represented by people who To the editor: are so obviously and radically wrong.

Don't let them represent me.

One other thing that gets my ire is when a white approaches me, makes an off-color comment or joke, and assumes I subscribe to the same racist garbage, just because I am white. I'm not really angered that I have been labelled white - I can't

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change my color — but that type of gesture really insults my intelligence. One who is ignorant chooses to be, and they tend to assume that everyone else is ignorant, too.

I guess that's just the kind of behavior we have come to expect from ignorant people. Let's avoid it ourselves.

William Raspberry says to ignore racism and is asked, "How can blacks ignore racism when it leads to physical attacks?" He obviously means that responding to racism is dignifying it.

But my question to Hill's question is, 'how can anyone ignore it when it leads to physical attack?: Make no mistake: I agree with Hill when it comes to these types of actions. Racism is a problem we all deal with in some form or another every day. We should never tolerate them (these actions) or become insensitive to them.

As communicators and college educated, adult human beings, let's choose our words very carefully when addressing this very

"Unity" in this context, for example, might conjure images by whites that blacks need to "stick together." Understanding is the key to unlock any social mess, but how can I-understand how blacks feel without your help? I am a naturally curious person, and I am sure others are also. I am curious about black culture, as well as Indian, Japanese and Chicano cultures. How do you live, think and feel? Don't quarantine yourselves from the rest of us. That only serves to separate us.

I suggest that helping in these areas, in a unified fashion, is how blacks or any race can help to "combat" (Hill's word) rac-

"Combat." Now there's a loaded word. Are the oppressors not to expect a retaliation? Do two wrongs make a right?

One of the basic rules of psychology is that a person who feels he or his beliefs is being attacked will not learn.

In the end, it won't be blacks that end racism. As we are all responsible for its existence, we'll all be responsible for its de-

Whites have got to stop racism amongst whites. Blacks have got to stop racism amongst blacks. Through knowledge and

understanding, the races can help each other.

I am a man, not a "white man." What is inside of me is and always will be more important to me than what is on the outside

That does have a familiar ring to it.

Don Burke, UNO student

'Mere unity not solution'

I was impressed as I began reading Toni Hill's editorial (about racial prejudice) in the Wednesday, March 11 Gateway.

The issues Hill addressed are important ones, and it is good to be reminded now and then that our society falls quite short of our ideals. However, I fail to see how her plan of action of "unity" for blacks is a viable solution. Is not the Klu Klux Klan an organization dedicated to seeking our their own roots, uniting together, and protecting their right to be white? Will you then don black-hooded robes, start printing ignorant literature and burn crosses on "honkey lovers" lawns to solve the problem?

Perhaps it would better serve your interest to unit with others

who share your dislike for prejudice and ignorance despite their origins. There are many of us around who abhor prejudice against anyone because of race, creed, sex, sexual preference or anything else, and positive activity which helps rid our society of these prejudices is indeed a noble enterprise.

It is time that we all worked together to solve these problems. Forming defensive 'cliques' can only lead to more prejudice from both sides. We cannot overcome this problem until we realize that all human beings have common 'roots,' and that the health and prosperity of our society as a whole depend upon the health and welfare of each member of that society.

Joan Schoepf, **UNO** student

'It's not your right'

Concerning the letter by Mark E. Welsch (Gateway, March 11), titled "Time for chancellor to ban smoking inside buildings," I have a few questions for Mark.

Are you a previous smoker? Usually, "reformed smokers" are the worst critics of current smokers such as I. Were either your parents smokers and, if they were, did you get along with them?

As you can surmise, I was rather infuriated by some of your propositions for the smokers at UNO. Why didn't you come right out with it and say all smokers should be banned from registering, teaching and working at UNO until such time as they quit the "tobacco addiction."

Mark, I would also like to know why the non-smokers need a separate room to relax in. If the smokers were provided a specific area to enjoy their tobacco products, wouldn't the nonsmokers have the rest of the entire building to relax in and enjoy their smoke-free environment?

Most smokers are aware of the surgeon general's and other AMA reports on the dangers of smoking and the current reports on "passive smoke." However, the reports on passive smoke have been blown way out of proportion. After all, they are conceptualized, by and large, by biased non-smokers. Any elementary science student knows that a scientific experiment can be altered to attain the desired effects by manipulating the variables

within an environment.

If Mark is so concerned with an occasional smoker lighting up in the hallway and thereby polluting the classrooms, what does he do when he has to cruise down Dodge St? (I know you have to. That's where UNO place is.) Let's see: he'll encounter carbon monoxide, hydrogen sulfide, carbon dioxide and whatever the byproducts are from spent diesel fuels. I've got this greatidea for a glass bubble! I'd be interested to find out what all the non-smokers ingest and if they ever expose their bodies to the

Enough of this! This debate could continue forever: I am a smoker, and I enjoy it, as do most smokers. But I don't think that it's the campus' or anyone else's responsibility to tell us we can't smoke somewhere, out of the cold. Just as it's not my right to tell you to start smoking, it's not yours to tell me to

Steve Jacobson, UNO student



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Review

'Angel Heart' emphasizes blood

By JOSEPH HALL Contributing Writer

Television commercials promoting the film "Angel Heart" tell us to believe everything we've heard about it.

Don't. You will be dissappointed if you go to this film expecting to see steamy love scenes between stars Lisa Bonet and Mickey

"Angel Heart" is not an erotic film. It is an extremely bloody and violent film where lovemaking functions as an operative

leading to even more violence. Mickey Rourke stars as Harold Angel, a detective hired by fastidious and sinister-looking Louis Cyphre, played by Robert

Cyphre employs Angel to discover the whereabouts of Johnny Favorite, a former big band singer who disappeared from the rest home he was committed to 14 years ago.

Angel's search takes him into the back rooms of New York City's store-front churches, the chambers of a New Orleans palm reader and the Louisiana countryside, where he watches frenzied satanic worshippers in the midst of an orgy.

As Rourke unravels the mystery, each piece of the puzzle is accompanied by a brutal murder with an emphasis on bloodiness.

accompanied by a brutal murder with an emphasis on bloodiness. In this film, blood is present more often than not.

In one scene, a woman's heart floats in a puddle of vivid red blood, and in a second scene, repeated several times via flashback, an old woman in black scrubs blood off white walls.

After a while, you lose interest in solving the mystery of the missing Johnny Payorite. "Angel Heart" violates one of the classic dictates of the detective story film genre: the possibility of a somewhat rational resolution to the mystery.

'Angel Heart'' offers no such possibility. The blood, as well as the symbolic names of the characters Angel, Epiphany and Favorite warn against a rational solution, thus making the film a failure on this level. On another level, however, the film works well as a period

The Harlem, New York City and New Orleans of the 50s are splendidly captured. The overall look of the film is that of something old, worn and faded, which is quite appropriate in this

Bonnet plays a young priestess of an old religion. De Niro's



Photo courtesy of Tri-Star pictures, Inc. Harry Angel (Mickey Rourke) becomes involved with Epiphany Proudfoot (Lisa Bonet) in "Angel Heart."

character looks like he stepped out of an era at least 100 years earlier. Rourke wears suits that are as weathered and tattered as the world of religious icons and rundown buildings in which most of this story takes place.

But ultimately, even the look of this film is scant consolation for the way the mystery is resolved. I won't spoil it for you. The end is supposed to be a shocker, but I'll bet you 10-to-1 you won't be shocked. Instead you'll just ask, "so what?"

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'Tin Men' comments on 'American value system'

Staff Reviewer

"Tin Men" engages its audience with a surface of entertaining narrative and an interior of thought-provoking pondering on the nature of American society.

The movie describes several months in the lives of "tin men" — aluminum siding salesmen — Bill Bahowsky (Richard Dreyfuss), and Ernest Tilley (Danny DeVito) and his wife Nora Tilley (Barbara Hershey). Opening with cross-cut images of these two men at home, the film shows us that within minutes they collide as Babowsky (B.B.) pulls out of a Cadillac dealership with his sparkling new automobile. A verbal and then physical battle follows on the street as each man vows revenge against the other:

Director Barry Levinson delineates his characters well. B.B., a successful salesman no less willing to resort to illegal sales tactics than the next person, on the surface maintains a classy appearance and mannerisms. In contrast is Tilley, always disheveled, short of money and generally beleaguered by problems mostly of his own making. Nora Tilley is a hard-working woman who has always taken the safe road and comes to question the wisdom of this tack. We find that she possesses great sensitivity and intelligence.

Each of these characters develops insight as the narrative unfolds, processes which constitute a prominent element of the

Levinson's portrait of Tilley provides a critical element of the film. Though we initially view him with humor, his adversities move from the comical to the bleak as humor turns to pathos. Occasionally, even as we laugh at the seemingly droll predicaments in which he finds himself, we experience despair. Though humor abounds in the film, Levinson never lets us completely lose sight of its despondent side.

The lives of the salesmen are presented as a sort of fraternity. The enclaves of salesmen are divided by the respective companies for which they work, each salesman having a partner with whom he shares great loyalty. We observe these men at various stages of their daily routines, many of which revolve around eating, drinking, playing pool and attending horse races.

We also see them at work. In one montage in particular,

A presentation of questionable sales ethics within the aluminum siding business constitutes a significant theme in the film. We witness several different tactics on the part of the salespersons which are comical yet immoral. Levinson, however, never preaches in his account of wrongdoing in their escapades. Though we recognize the corruption of their maneuvers, we also feel some empathy, which generates conflict within the viewers.

Similarly, the cinematography offers some arresting visual impressions. The opening sequence is comprised of a prolonged

Levinson cleverly demonstrates the seediness of their selling styles are similar. Also, important plot points are brought to their climax, then left hanging for several scenes oly to return

> Several minor characters are beautifully sketched. Among these is the salesman who can process exactly one piece of information at a time no matter what conversation transpires. His perseverence contributes much amusement.

> Another is Tilley's partner who comments repeatedly on his favorite concern, the old TV show "Bonanza." In addition to providing humor, these interspersed references to television of that era help to promote the period setting.

The cast $\stackrel{\longleftarrow}{-}$ both leading and supporting roles $\stackrel{\longleftarrow}{-}$ provides excellent renditions of a Baltimore accent, not an easy task. The dialogue makes good use of local syntax, such as: "Like an animal you eat." These details enhance the location setting.

Levinson, who grew up in Baltimore around this era, has rooted his film in fact. The aluminum siding business began in the early 1950s in Baltimore, populated by unscrupulous salesmen who sported flashy clothes, drove new cars and often worked out of offices consisting of hoods of cars or booths in diners. With an average work-day of four hours, the "tin men" were noted for an inability to save money, a penchant for gam-

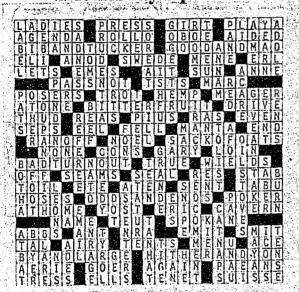
bling and unethical business practices.
"Tin Men" has several praiseworthy features, including enjoyable characters, an entertaining narrative, ingenious humor, commentary on the American value system and commendable photography. I often find difficulty with films which combine humor with a rather grim view of humanity, but in this film, it

works well. I strongly recommend it.

exploration of something metallic, though its identity is not immediately clear. We then realize that this rapturous portrait is of a Cadillac. On several occasions we view a line-up of Cadillacs seen from the rear: an unending sequence of fins, the hallmark of that era's Cadillac design. Similarly, when the front of Ernest and Nora's rowhouse is photographed we see an endless line of identical porches extending off into the distance. It is a striking image which the nature of the lives within such homes.

The narrative technique on the whole is straight-forward. First, the frequent use of cross-cutting as we meet the two entourages of salesmen strengthens the point that their life-

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Fund B

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sociation.

"Other than the marching band and intercollegiate athletics, the Young Nebraskans probably have more exposure to the public than any other group on campus," Saker said.

Campus Recreation and the Student Center's

budgets would be cut a combined \$14,731 in the Fund B proposal.

Also at the hearing, Vice-Chancellor Richard Hoover unveiled two new methods for assessing student fees, one of which will replace the present method.

Hoover said a slight decline in the number of students over the last three years and a shift in the number of full-time students to part-time students has resulted in a deficit in Funds A

and B. "Over a two year period, all of the sudden we were in a hole,"he said.

For one of the two proposed funding methods, all students would pay a base fee of \$20.90 plus \$3.35 per credit hour. Hoover said the plan would shift the fee load from part-timers to fulltimers, provide a stable base for Fund A and a portion of Fund B, and provide a greater degree of equity than the current system.

The other proposed method of assessment would be to charge a flat fee of \$49.00 to every on-campus student regardless of hours attended. Advantages would be shifting the load from full-time to part-time students, equal access for all students, and increased equity over the present system, Hoover said.

Neither method of fee assessment should impact enrollment either positively or negatively. Hoover said.

The Fund B budget proposal will now go to the Chancellor's office and then to the Board of Regents for consideration and final approval.

Frat hopes to aid handicapped

The Omaha area could become the home for a special play unit for severly handicapped children if a UNO fraternity achieves its fund-raising goal, said Brian Kean, chairman of the fraternity's annual philanthropic

At noon Wednesday, April 1, members of Pi Kappa Phi will begin pushing a wheelchair around campus hoping to raise \$2,500 in financial pledges. The event ends at 2 p.m. April 3, and proceeds will be managed by the fraternity's national office.

Last year, the fraternity raised only

The \$2,500 would guarantee that "part of the money will be spent locally," Kean

The special play units each cost around \$25,000, Kean said. The reason the price is so high, he said, is because the units are made with special materials one at a time.

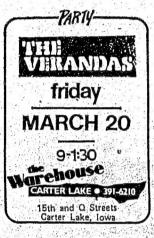
Kean said it's possible they could reach the \$2,500 mark. "Last year we couldn't get people motivated," he said. This year, he said, members are taking their fund-raising efforts into the classroom as well as the annual wheelchair push-a-thon.

"This region is small as for as the number of Pi Kapps go," Kean said. "But it's well represented by PUSH units."

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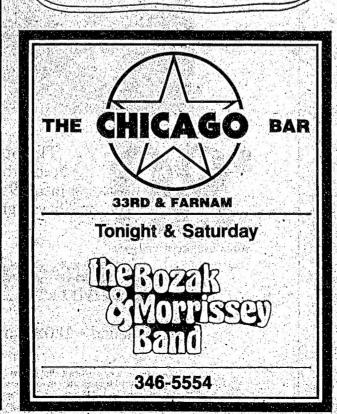
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ball games, but UNO Coach Bob Gates says that we were last year because of the good weather."

UNO rescheduled its game with the Cornhuskers for March 31. The game will begin at 2:30 p.m. at College World Series Park, UNO's home diamond.

UNO plays two games apiece against Division I powers Nebraska and Creighton this year. Both schools are off to good starts, but, the Jays have received more attention due to a successful Florida trip in which they defeated the Maine Black Bears and the Miami Hurricanes two perennial visitors to the College

Does Division II UNO, with no players on full scholarship, belong on the same field as the Division I Jays or Huskers?

have a good shot. I don't think of Nebraska any different than I do Dana or Doane. I still coach the same way."

Gates says one difference in the way UNO will approach non-conference games is that he will save his best pitchers for league tilts. "If we want to get in the NCAA playoffs," Gates said, "we have to save our best pitchers for our conference games."



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Sports Look

Boxing makes bozos of ex-champs

Does anybody really know or care who is champion?

The sport of boxing, once a preeminent staple of American

The sport of boxing, once a preeminent staple of American sports fare, has tumbled long and far in sports opinion polls.

As a youngster, I remember the pride all of America felt in 1968 when Olympic gold medalist George Foreman, ignoring the racial tension of the sixties, paraded around the ring waving the American flag after winning the heavyweight championship.

I remember the popularity of professional heavyweights like "Smokin" Joé Frazier and Muhammad "Float like a butterfly, sting like a bee" Ali. Their three-fight series may represent the modern highwater mark of professional boxing.

But just as Ali and Frazier once revealed pro boxing's greatness in the ring, they now show its shortcomings outside of it.

Ali's gift of gab made him as entertaining out of the ring as he was when he put the gloves on. But due to years of repeated blows to the head, Ali's verbal dancing has slowed to a waltz.



His days of coining phrases are long gone and the now needs speech therapy lessons.

Frazier illustrates another problem with the sport. This oncegreat champion, who made millions in the ring, is now broke. Foreman himself recently returned to the ring in a slow 260-

pound sideshow. This is not the way to remember a champion.

Why bovers don't have pension plans why more precautions

Why boxers don't have pension plans, why more precautions aren't taken at the professional level, and why governing bodies can't be unified are the burning issues that pose serious threats to the continued existence of boxing as a respectable sport.

In 1987 alone we have seen two true champions, Marvelous Marvin Hagler and Michael Spinks, stripped of their titles arbitrarily because they refused to kowtow to the conflicting dictates of the IBF, WBC and the WBA. These are the acronyms for the three so-called governing bodies of the sport. How do they expect to retain credibility when they depose the last of the recognizable champions?

If boxing hopes to avoid the path followed by the bogus, albeit profitable, enterprise of professional "rassling," some radical changes will have to be made.

Titles proliferated and conferred by committees should be reduced and settled in the ring. Pensions and increased medical surveillance are needed.

If you think it is deplorable to mention the "show" of pro rassling in the same breath as that of boxing, consider this: maybe boxing has already reduced itself to the degree of competitiveness rassling displays, or perhaps the truth about boxing is just now coming to the fore.



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